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29 May 1952

MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director (Administration)

FROM: Deputy Director (Plans)

SUBJECT: 

REFERENCE: Memorandum from ADPC to Project Review Committee dated 22 May 1952, same subject.

1. Reference is made to our several discussions of the above entitled matter and to your oral statement to me of this morning that, subject to a personal certification from me to the effect that the items set forth in the reference memorandum are operationally necessary, you would be sufficiently satisfied with this request to pass it to the Director with your own supporting recommendation.

2. Under normal circumstances it is my disposition to rely largely upon the assurances of the Assistant Directors who report to me that a particular project or item is an operational necessity. It is obviously difficult for me to conduct a complete or sufficiently thorough investigation of all the circumstances upon which to base an independent judgment of greater value than that which has been exercised by the senior staff officers of the Agency who are primarily responsible. It is rather my approach to satisfy myself that these officers have indeed gone into the matter with adequate thoroughness and care and have actually brought to bear their own considered judgment, and then to exercise my own judgment which is aided by some few years of experience in the field. (There are certain situations about which I have direct personal knowledge based upon recent observation of field condition and requirements,

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